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TO: Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

THRU: James W. Carter, Director *JWC*

THRU: Lowell P. Braxton, Associate Director *LB*

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH*

RE: Permitting Status Report, Geneva Steel Corporation, Iron Mountain Mine, M/021/008, Iron County, Utah

During the December 7, 1994 Board Hearing, Division staff advised the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining of the permitting status of Geneva Steel's revised and consolidated Iron Mountain permit application. At that time, the Division and Geneva Steel anticipated being able to resolve the remaining technical deficiencies and present the Board with a final form and amount of reclamation surety by the March 22, 1995 Board Hearing. This memorandum is intended to provide the Board with an update on the approval process.

On March 13th, the Division and Geneva Steel finally resolved the remaining technical concerns that were outlined in the Division's most recent (March 6, 1995) review letter. Geneva Steel is presently making the appropriate changes to the mining and reclamation plan. The Division anticipates receipt of the final revised copy of Geneva's consolidated permit application by the March 22, 1995 hearing date. The final reclamation surety amount will be confirmed by that date as well. Geneva's legal counsel is presently preparing the pertinent reclamation surety documents. Geneva has indicated that they will be proposing a self-bonding agreement as the preferred form of surety.

After the Division receives and reviews the required documents, we will be prepared to grant our tentative approval of Geneva's permit. We will seek formal Board approval of the amount and form of reclamation surety during the April 26, 1995 Board hearing.

Attached for your review is a copy of an updated permitting chronology which summarizes the latest permitting actions taken on this application since our December report. Thank you for continued support and understanding in reaching a final resolution to this permitting activity.

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Attachment  
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## PERMIT CHRONOLOGY

for

**Geneva Steel**  
**Iron Mountain**  
**M/021/008**

(latest revision - March 13, 1995)

- November 30, 1994*      *Division telefaxes draft technical review comments on Geneva's September 9, 1994 revised submission. Draft Board memo also included. Hard copies were subsequently mailed by December 2nd.*
- December 7, 1994*      *Division provides the Board with an update of the permit approval status for the Iron Mtn. Mine. Geneva Steel and Division propose a revised time scheduled to work out resolution of remaining technical concerns. Anticipate seeking Board approval of amount and form of surety by the March 1995 Board hearing. The Board concurs and approves the time extension request.*
- January 23, 1995*      *Division receives Geneva's response to the November 30, 1994 technical review letter. Response is received a little later than anticipated. Response still does not satisfy all of the Division's questions and concerns. Most concerns are clarification related issues. Plan is almost complete, but may cause delay in reaching anticipated March 22, 1995 tentative approval date.*
- March 6, 1995*      *Division telefaxes and mails out technical review comments on Geneva's January 23, 1995 revised submission. Request a March 13, 1995 meeting, to work out a final response to remaining concerns and agree on a final amount and form of reclamation surety.*
- March 13, 1995*      *Conference call between DOGM and Geneva Steel representatives to discuss Division's March 6th review comments. Resolution of remaining concerns worked out and agreed to by both parties. Geneva to proceed with preparation of final revised plan application and final reclamation surety estimate. Anticipate having same to DOGM by the March Board hearing date. Geneva's legal counsel to proceed with preparation of appropriate reclamation surety documents. Probably not available until April hearing.*